

THE HAPPIEST WOMEN

America a Paradise For Wives,
Says Dr. Aked,

The American husband is the best in the world, and his wife the happiest woman in the world, according to the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. Dr. Aked has an article on the subject in "The New Idea Magazine," and makes it quite evident therein that he does not share the opinions of those who think that men, Americans as well as foreigners, have monopolized a good many of the good things of life. Not content with saying that the American wife is the happiest woman in the world, he asserts that she has the "most favored lot which has yet fallen to a human being"—man or woman, presumably—with "more to make her happy than any other creature on the face of the earth." Going into particulars, Dr. Aked says of the American woman.

"She has less drudgery and more leisure than any other woman. She has more money to spend and better things on which to spend it. She has more freedom, independence, more power of initiative and of self-direction. She is a person of importance—and she knows it. She quietly assumes that she is somebody. The assumption is warranted in fact and conceded in practice. The American woman is, up to the present moment, God's best piece of work, and there are no visible indications of outside improvements upon the product."

Comparing the condition of women in foreign countries with that of the women of America, class for class, Dr. Aked finds that, matching the worst of the Old World against the worst of the New, the New is better. He has seen a woman and a cow yoked together to a plough, the man holding the handle. He has seen a woman walking along the road with a basket of firewood strapped on her back. A man walked beside her with his hands in his pockets, smoking a cigar! The man saw a desirable log on the roadside, condescended to take his hands out of his pockets, picked it up, placed it on the top of the woman's load, and continued his lordly way. He has seen, on a Sunday morning, a woman wearing man's trousers carrying a hod of bricks up the ladder to the brick setter, a man, working up above. He has frequently seen a woman and a dog drawing a cart along the street. He has seen a woman and two dogs yoked to a cart containing clothes going to or from the wash. A man sat in the cart handling the reins.

Comparing the positions of women in the more comfortably placed classes, Dr. Aked paints a picture which sounds strangely familiar, the penniless wife of the rich man being not wholly unknown in this country.

"When a rich woman," he says, "or, rather, a very poor woman, wife of a rich man—has to ask her husband for every shilling she wants, and must account for every penny of it, her lot may not seem to be quite as dreadful as that of the laboring women just cited, but it is not essentially different. When a woman in a splendid position in society bursts into tears and in a moment of abandon confesses that for many years she has not been allowed any money at all in greater sums than a half-crown (60 cents) for cab fares and tips, her clothes and everything else being paid for by her husband by check, and object of the system being to deprive her of every vestige of freedom and keep her in servile subjection to him, the story is incredible and impossible—only it happens to be true."

Dr. Aked thinks that Jill is as good as Jack in this country, a necessary outcome in his mind of the alleged equality between Jack and his master. In other countries, he says, "where the king bullies the noble and the noble bullies the squire, where the squire bullies the professional man, the professional man bullies the tradesman, and the tradesman bullies the laborer, it may be taken for a fact that all will bully the woman!"

The standard of sexual morality Dr. Aked finds to be higher in this country than in old lands, "notwithstanding the ten thousand divorce scandals and all the headliness of a sensation loving press."

A Bishop's Wit.

"Our Bishop Burgess," said a Garden City man, "is one of the few American clergymen who, being graduates of the famous University of Oxford, are entitled to wear the Oxford hood."

"At a certain service, another bishop, also an Oxford man, nodded toward the officiating clergyman, and whispered excitedly to Bishop Burgess:

"Why, look; he has got an Oxford hood on."

"So he has," said Bishop Burgess. "But he is not entitled to it. He has no Oxford degree," exclaimed the first bishop. "Why, the man is wearing a lie on his back."

"Hush," said Bishop Burgess. "Don't call it a lie. Call it a false hood."—Washington Star.

Fully Occupied.

Years ago a northern visitor was walking along the street in Jacksonville when he espied a small darky sitting in the sun brushing flies off of himself.

"Well, Rastus," the visitor said, pausing to address the youth, "do you manage to keep busy these days?"

"Yas, suh," returned the boy.

"Very busy," queried the visitor in an unbelieving tone of voice.

"All the time, suh," said the boy.

"At it now?" grinned the visitor.

"Yassuh," said the boy.

"What is your business—shooing flies?" asked the visitor.

"No, suh. My business is jest growin', suh," explained the youth.

Profit in Peaches.

One of the large peach growers in Arkansas sold his crop for \$8,810. It was produced on forty-four acres and the fruit was sold through the Peach Growers' Exchange. After paying for picking and packing he finds net proceeds of about \$7,000. One fifteen-acre orchard which he bought last year for \$3,500 yielded peaches enough, this year to just about pay the entire purchase price.

FOURTH COURT OF THE SEASON.

Their majesties of England's last court, the fourth of the season, will ever be remembered by the splendor of the jewels and the exceptionally lovely toilets in evidence. Her Majesty's beautiful gown of gold-embroidered net was glittering with gems, and the Princess of Wales also wore many diamond ornaments. Lady Richard Wellesley was presented by her mother-in-law, the Duchess of Wellington, and wore her wedding dress with a diamond tiara, while Princess Eydna Odeschalchi looked exceedingly well in a gown of pale willow green with a train of silver tissue. Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson's dress was of the Cleopatra genre, fashioned of cloth of gold draped with gold-sequin net and caught with barbaric clasps.—Tatler.

Aeronauts have lost their lives for a century or more, and the final achievements indicate that the sacrifices may not have been wholly in vain. Since we are now on the threshold of practical results, remarks the Pittsburg Dispatch, the attempt to fully master the subject must continue, though it may well be prosecuted with such caution as will minimize the perils while still maintaining the chief purpose.

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